

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 361

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION To honor and recognize Christopher Eric Paxton,
2001 Salutatorian of Craigmont High School.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Eric Paxton is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2001 graduating class at Craigmont High School; and

WHEREAS, Through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Christopher has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, In his remarkable high school career, Mr. Paxton has earned an exemplary grade point average; he is a National Achievement finalist, a William H. Sweet Award recipient, and is listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, Christopher is a graduate of the Memphis Rotary Foundation's Prep Program, which sends students to New England preparatory schools; he has attended the

Minority Introduction to Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Science summer program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Philips Exeter Summer session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paxton placed third in the North District of the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association Math Competition, participated in Central High School's Mu Alpha Theta Competition for two years, and the University of Memphis TEAMS Science/Engineering Competition on March 7, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Christopher has participated in the West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association's All-West Competition for Percussion, earning second alternate in 1999, sixth chair, Blue Band in 2000, and seventh chair, Wind Ensemble, the Top band, in 2001; the University of Memphis Honor Band Competition for Percussion, earning third chair, Grey Band; the West Tennessee Band and Orchestra Association's Solo and Ensemble Competition, earning the Blue Medal in Percussion Solo in 1998, the Blue Medal in Percussion Solo and the Red Medal in Percussion Duet in 1999, and the Blue Medal in Woodwind/Percussion Duet in 2001; the University of Memphis Jazz Festival on March 4, 2000; and the Festival Atlante Music Competition (Jazz Band), earning first place, Division III; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paxton is President and Co-founder of the Classic Cinema Club, was Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, is a Drummer in the High School Jazz Band, is Vice-President of the Craigmont Chapter of the National Honor Society, is a member of the Full Orchestra, Mu Alpha Theta, the Ambassador Corps, and the International Studies Club; and

WHEREAS, Eager to help others, Christopher is a member of the Executive Board, Community Service Committee, of the United Way Youth leadership Program; he has lent his service to Angel Tree Distribution, Youth Villages Soup Sunday, Love Thy Neighbor Easter Bag Assembly, Neighbor-Fest 2000, the Parenting Seminar, and has served as a mathematics tutor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paxton's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Christopher's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Eric and Jeanette Paxton, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Paxton's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2001 Craigmont High School Salutatorian, Christopher Eric Paxton, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.